

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 4**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign the Committee on Child Care the study of funding of early childhood education.

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January 1, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.



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Whereas, statistics show in Indiana, there are 194,355 people who are in two-parent families, with both parents in the labor force;

Whereas, statistics show in Indiana, there are 136,022 people who are single-parents and in the labor force;

Whereas, statistics show in Indiana that 330,377 children under 6 are in need of child care, while their parents work;

Whereas, nationally, more than one-third of kindergartners are considered not ready when they arrive at school, due to a lack of behavioral development and social emotional skills, in addition to deficiencies in cognitive and language skills;

Whereas, research on the brain shows that the first years of life are crucial for intellectual, social and general development;

Whereas, early childhood development ultimately improves the skills of a large fraction of the U.S. workforce,



these early childhood development programs raise the gross domestic product (GDP), reduce poverty, and strengthen U.S. global competitiveness;

Whereas, early childhood education programs are not consistently available throughout Indiana and existing programs lack unified funding:

Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges that the
2 legislative council assign to the Interim Study Committee on Child
3 Care the study of all state and federal funding for early childhood
4 education.

5 SECTION 2. That the issues studied should include, but are not
6 limited to, all current state and federal funding provisions, how other
7 jurisdictions fund early childhood education programs and
8 recommendations to modify if improvement is deemed necessary.

